(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative why the work was not begun?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) & (*e*) Do not arise.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Sir, may I know why the Chief Engineer did not take any action regarding the matter of improvement of the tank even though the Director of Public Health had recommended?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : Sir, the estimate was considered to be excessive.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether the Chief Engineer inspected the tank at any time?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : I cannot say.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know what he means by 'excessive'?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : The estimate was for Rs. 3,000 odd and the opinion of the Director of Public Health was that it was excessive.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know whether a new estimate was thought to be prepared seeing that the money spent according to this estimate would not be of adequate use to the public? If the estimate was not correct another could have been prepared.

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : A new estimate need not be prepared on the score that this figure was not correct, but the amount required will not be proportionate to the benefit.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : Sir, who is the better judge of it?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : We have both consulted each other is the matter.

Representation from the people of Karoor for a new road.

328. * **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP** : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Karoor, Ambalapuzha to convert the public way running east from the 43rd mile stone on the Quilon-Alleppey road and reaching the Sri Krishnaswami Temple on the south, into a cartable road;

(*b*) if so, when was it received;

(*c*) whether the people have levelled up the path at their own cost just in level with the adjacent compounds on the both sides;

(*d*) what is the length of the said pathway;

(*e*) what will be the approximate cost of metalling that pathway; and

(*f*) whether it is not possible to metal it to make it a cartable road?

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MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 12/1110.

(*c*) Yes ; but not to the required width.

(*d*) 1 mile, 3 furlongs and 540 feet.

(*e*) Rs. 13,000 for improving it by gravelling and providing bridges but excluding land compensation.

(*f*) Yes, if the interested people do their part of the work as per Ryots' Road Rules and if funds permit.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether the width of the public way is not sufficient as to convert it to a village road ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether it has sufficient width for it being converted to a gravelled cart tract ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : The trace is intended only for a foot path. But for cart traffic there should be sufficient width.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether it is not sufficient for converting it into a gravelled foot path ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : It is a foot path. Gravelling does not seem to be necessary.

Parur Municipality.

329. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average annual income derived by the Parur Municipality for the past 3 years ending with 31st December 1938 ;

(*b*) the amount of grant, if any, paid to the Municipality in the year 1113 M. E. ;

(*c*) whether for the past 3 years ending with 31st December 1938 the Parur Municipality has spent any amount on local public health excepting road sweeping and scavenging ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) be in the affirmative,

(i) the amount spent ; and

(ii) the nature of the works for which the amounts were spent ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) The information is not available, as the municipal accounts are maintained according to the Malabar year.

(*b*) No grant was given in 1113.

(*c*) The answer to part (*a*) applies to this also.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*) this does not arise

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